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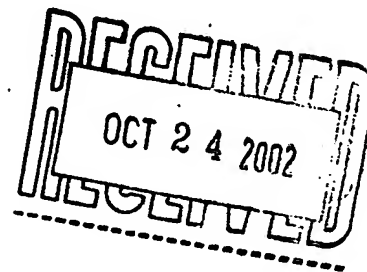
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the European Search Report (ESR) issued in connection with family member Application EP 00 96 1097, and the following documents cited therein:

JP 6-306264 (and an English language abstract thereof);

U.S. Patent No. 5,006,637 to Guggenheim et al.;

Macromolecules 21(2), pages 286-93 (1988); and

Biochemistry 23(12), pages 2577-90 (1984).



A copy of the ESR is being submitted herewith. The Examiner is referred to the ESR for the relevance indicated by the European Examiner for the cited documents with respect to the claims of the European Application. Copies of the first three cited documents, as listed above,

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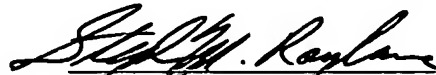
were previously made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on September 19, 2002. A copy of the fourth document is being submitted herewith.

The fourth cited document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate consideration thereof. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication from the Patent Office.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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